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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
REGARDING RAISED HOUSE BILL 6673  
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I am Paul W. Brady, Executive Director of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Connecticut (ACEC/CT), representing over 90 engineering firms providing independent engineering services to the public and private sector.

On behalf of ACEC/CT, I would like to testify in opposition House Bill 6673, AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED PRIVATIZATION CONTRACTS.

Section 2 of the bill would overturn the previous agreement to exempt existing contracts for a service currently provided by a non-state entity and would void any contracts entered into or renewed after July 1<sup>st</sup> without a full cost-benefit analysis required by the contracting standards board legislation.

With the state's current fiscal constraints, including strict hiring freezes and budget reductions, major realignments within state agencies are simply not practical. We continue to believe that the contracting standards board would be unable to make fair and reasonable evaluations of contracting-out decisions because the state cannot accurately account for all its overhead expenses such as office space and retirement benefits.

Thank you for your consideration and I would be happy to answer any of your questions.

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